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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed January 22, 2007 are acknowledged.

- 2. Examiner acknowledges amended claim 1.
- 3. Examiner acknowledges cancelled claim 2.
- 4. The rejection of claims 1-28 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yano et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,699,596 in view of Takehashi et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,142,192 is withdrawn due to applicant's argument.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 6. Claims 1, 3-28 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takehashi et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,142,192 in view of Yano et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,699,596.

Takehasi discloses an electroluminescent element that includes insulating layers on both sides of a luminous layer wherein the luminous layer comprises ZnS:Mn (see column 3, lines 62-63) and the insulating layer comprises a fluoride-containing material such as MgF<sub>2</sub> (see column 3, lines 51-68). Additionally, embodiment 4 of the Takahasi reference discloses that the luminous layer can comprise SrS:Ce. Takahasi does not disclose that the phosphor layer is a rare earth metal

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activated barium thioaluminate or rare earth activated magnesium barium thioaluminate. Yano discloses a blue full color EL display comprising a phosphor thin film wherein the phosphor is a barium thioaluminate or magnesium barium thioaluminate with europium added as the activator (see column 2, lines 46-68). Column 3, lines 1-16 discloses that the atomic ratio of Mg to Ba may fall in the range between 0.05 and 0.8, x=1-5, y=1 to 15 z=3-30 and w=3-30. Also, the reference discloses that the phosphor thin layer is sandwiched between first and second insulating layers (see Figure 2 and column 6, lines 42-53). Column 2, lines 64-68 of the Yano reference discloses that oxygen may substitute for sulfur in barium thioaluminate to yield an oxysulfide. Also, example 1 of the Yano reference discloses that the magnesium barium thioaluminate film contains a substantial amount of oxygen. It is disclosed in column 6, lines 53-68 of the Yano reference that the substrate can be a glass or glass ceramic substrate. Yano also discloses that the phosphor thin film is annealed at 400 to 800 °C. Additionally, Yano discloses that the light emitting layer comprising the phosphor thin film of magnesium barium thioaluminate is preferably about 100 to 2,000 nm thick (see column 4, lines 58-64). Column 7, lines 11-43 of the Yano reference discloses that the first thick film insulating layer has a thickness of 5-50  $\mu$ m and the second insulating layer has a thickness of 100 to 500 nm. Figure 2 of the Yano reference discloses a dielectric layer. Yano discloses in column 1 that blue luminescence can be achieved by SrS:Ce (same phosphor used in Takehashi reference). However, Yano does discloses that the luminescence of SrS:Ce is short and that blue luminescence can be improved using thioaluminate phosphors such as BaAl<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>:Eu (see column 1, lines 40-60). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use a

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thioaluminate phosphor such as BaAl2S4:Eu in an electroluminescent element in order to have

blue light with higher purity and a display of better quality.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to the present claims have been considered but are

moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner

should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If

attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L

Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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